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PRESIDING OFFICER'S  
RULING NO. MC2001-1/6

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Priority Mail Rate Categories

Docket No. MC2001-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING  
GRANTING POSTAL SERVICE MOTIONS  
FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE

(Issued May 16, 2001)

The Postal Service has filed several motions for late acceptance of responses to various interrogatories in this docket. Motion for Late Acceptance of the Responses of United States Postal Service Witness Scherer to Interrogatories [OCA/USPS-T1-14-19 and 21-24] of the Office of the Consumer Advocate, May 7, 2001; Motion for Late Acceptance of the Response of the United States Postal Service to Interrogatory [OCA/USPS-T1-20] of the Office of the Consumer Advocate (redirected from witness Scherer), May 10, 2001; Motion for Late Acceptance of the Responses of United States Postal Service Witness Levine to Interrogatories [NAA/USPS-T1-6-8 9 (redirected from witness Scherer) and NAA/USPS-T2-1-5] of the Newspaper Association of America, May 11, 2001. Respectively, Postal Service Motion on Late Filing of Scherer Responses; Postal Service Motion on Late Filing of Institutional Responses; and Postal Service Motion on Late Filing of Levine Responses.

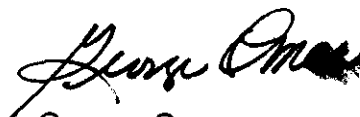
In the case of the referenced OCA interrogatories directed to and answered by witness Scherer, the Service cites production problems as the main reason for late filing. Postal Service Motion on Late Filing of Scherer Responses at 1. Late filing of

the OCA interrogatory answered by the Postal Service (redirected from witness Scherer) was occasioned by production problems. Postal Service Motion on Late Filing of Institutional Response at 1. Late filing of the NAA interrogatories (directed to witness Scherer but answered by witness Levine) was caused by the need to consult with persons who were temporarily unavailable. Postal Service Motion on Late Acceptance of Levine Responses at 1. With respect to each motion, the Service also maintains that any resulting prejudice due to the late filing is minimal.

Given the slight delay in filing and the apparent lack of prejudice to any participants, the Service's motions are granted.

#### RULING

1. The Motion for Late Acceptance of the Responses of United States Postal Service Witness Scherer to Interrogatories [OCA/USPS-T1-14-19 and 21-24] of the Office of the Consumer Advocate, May 7, 2001, is granted.
2. The Motion for Late Acceptance of the Response of the United States Postal Service to Interrogatory [OCA/USPS-T1-20] of the Office of the Consumer Advocate (redirected from witness Scherer), May 10, 2001, is granted
3. The Motion for Late Acceptance of the Responses of United States Postal Service Witness Levine to Interrogatories [NAA/USPS-T1-6-8 9 (redirected from witness Scherer) and NAA/USPS-T2-1-5] of the Newspaper Association of America, May 11, 2001, is granted.



George Omas  
Presiding Officer